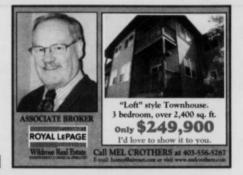
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# **Humane society** enters Aviva online contest

BY KEVIN VINK MVP Staff

The Wild Rose Humane Society (WRHS) has entered the Aviva Community Fund Competition for the third year in a row and needs the public's help in voting for the organization to win up to \$100,000 which would be put towards building an animal shel-ter, according to a WRHS press release.

Mayanne Campbell, fundraising director for the WRHS, is confident that they will progress at least to the semifinals this year, as support for the organiza-tion has been steadily growing over the past year.

She noted the gain in support was evident in the large turnout at this year's Dog Day Afternoon on July 1st.

Any funds won from the competition will go to the Give Me Shelter capital campaign, raising funds to open a much-needed animal shelter to serve the Airdrie to Olds corridor

To win the competition, the WRHS needs mem-bers of the public to vote for their idea on the Aviva Community Fund Website (tinyurl.com/192tg38)

Members of the public can vote once daily for WRHS to win a prize anywhere from \$5,000 to

"We are entered in the medium budget category, which could see us win \$100,000 if we get enough votes from our supporters," Campbell said.

"Winning that money would allow us to open a shelter within the next six months, once we find a suitable location.'

At present, unwanted, surrendered and stray animals from this area are taken to shelters in Calgary and Cochrane and other smaller rescues in the area that have the capacity to take them.

These other shelters are struggling to deal with the volume of animals that they receive and welcome the idea of a shelter in the Airdrie to Olds corridor.

A shelter would help keep the animals in the area that they were found or surrendered in, and let the shelters focus on the animals and issues they have in their own communities

Another fundraiser the WRHS has going on at the moment is their first annual NHL Hockey Pool.

It costs \$20 to enter, with 50 per cent of the proceeds going directly to the Give Me Shelter capital campaign and the other 50 per cent being split amongst the top three finishers

Katie Jackson, president of the WRHS, said the hockey pool is a great way to get into the hockey on while supporting the society.

"We will enter everyone's entries into (www.offi-cepools.com) and we will send the league ID and password to all entrants via email," said Jackson.

Overall standings will be updated automatically every morning, and can been seen when entrants log in to the site, she added.

The entry form has complete instructions on how to enter and can be downloaded from their website (www.wildrosehumane.ca), and the entry deadline is



GOODNESS GRACIOUS - Braydon Snyder shows attendees what water does when used to put out an oil fire a demonstration at the Didsbury Fire Department's open house, Saturday, Oct. 5.

# Campaign signs targeted by vandals

# Candidate says she feels vandalism is targeted, but doesn't know who it could be

BY KEVIN VINK MVP Staff

As the campaign signs pop up during every election, vandals come out of the woodwork to ruin the efforts of the people the signs

represent.

But Joyce McCoy, who is running for a council position in the municipal election, says she is being targeted by an unknown party. While there has been the occasional vandalism of other candidates' signs, she said she finds she is re-erecting hers every

She reported the incidents to RCMP and bylaw services last week, and says that she even found two of her signs on the railroad tracks after they had already

been run over by a train.

"I'm positive it's not anybody that's running - they'd be silly They all seem to do that. good upstanding citizens, and the fact they're running as councillors speaks to that," she said, noting that it may be somebody with a grudge, but she has no idea who.

There are signs all over town, often with candidates group-ing theirs with others', but she says hers have been specifically plucked out and thrown if they've not gone missing altogether.

"It's gotten to the point where every night I'm putting my signs back up," she added, noting that using a sledgehammer to plant her signs has not deterred those responsible.
"It doesn't read well, and that's

where I've come to that same conclusion is that it isn't random. It's not fair.

The culprit or culprits are either doing it early in the morning or late at night, she said.

"But throwing them on the train tracks – they have no idea how dangerous that could be." Sgt. Jeff Jacobson of the Didsbury RCMP said that his offi-

cers are keeping an eye out during their patrols, as election signs are often the targets of vandals

"Certainly it's something that everybody in the detachment area would be aware of," said Jacobson.

"Ultimately, anybody who damages a sign could be charged with mischief and anybody who takes a sign could be charged with theft," he added.



# **2013 Municipal Election Candidates Part 2**

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# Ken Anderson

BY KEVIN VINK MVP Staff

Ken Anderson said he was born and raised in Didsbury and for most of the last 35 years he has worked for Mountain View County, looking after many infrastructure projects such as roads and the maintenance of sidewalks.

"I retired in the fall of 2010 and I would like to promote the town I grew up in," said Anderson.

He would like to see council being more open with the public through forums and open houses, regarding both projects and processes, and said there seems to have been disconnect recently between residents and council.

"When the taxpayers don't know what's going on in town, they start second guessing and come out with all kinds remarks about the CAOs, councillors, and the mayor," he said.

He would also like to see police and peace officers focus more on parking infractions and animal control, he said, noting that they are already "doing a tremen-dous job."

painting, streets need paving, sidewalks need improvements and notes that the sewage systems also need upgrades.

"Snowplowing and sanding has to be bet-ter organized so all the residents are getting a fair share. I know there was a couple roads that never saw a snowplow or a sand truck this winter.

Taking on sponsors to offset costs of the arena would also be a good idea, he said.

"It's a lot of money for minor hockey, figure skaters and swimmers, and I think it's time for us to help out to give everyone a fair chance at sports," he said, adding

(sports) of all kinds are a lot better exercise for kids than running away from a police car.

He would also like to encourage residents' use of all facilities in the arena, and though it would take some plan-ning, it would work out and help improve the community.

He noted his experience working for the county would benefit council because of his extensive knowledge of infrastructure, and he has also been active in the community with the Didsbury Agricultural Society and by running Didsbury Bingo with the Didsbury Elks for 25



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# Kim Moore

BY KEVIN VINK MVP Staff

Kim Moore says there are a few rea sons she is running for council, most of which surround some aspect of communication between council and residents.

"I know we have Facebook and stuff with the town and there's a lot of stuff that gets put up there, but there are lot of residents and seniors who aren't on Facebook," said Moore.

She said it would be beneficial if the town office could send out newsletters to shops around town for people to read, ones similar to those that are mailed out

with the utility bills.

She also believes that council should have a bigger presence at town func tions so residents can come up and talk to them informally to give feedback

"I know Rick (Mousseau) is good,

he's always out at events," she noted, adding that she always hears concerns from residents where she works, and thinks that her willingness to listen to residents will benefit the town, should she be elected.

She would like to see transparency and accountability concerning issues

with the sewer and water systems as well. and would like to make sure that developments are planned with aging infrastructure in mind.

"Just with how they're having issues at Southridge. Look at it as a non-fault project
- in other words, let's find the problem, let's fix it, and deal with it before it becomes a bigger issue," she said.

Moore - who is not related to former mayor Dorothy Moore – has experience in fundraising and working with the Didsbury Cadets for the past 10 years, seven of which she has been the treasurer.



IN THE SWING - Amy and Emma Waite pass a cheque to Jolene Sanford at Didsbury Neighbourhood Place. The cheque came from money raised at the annual George Waite Memorial Golf Tournament last month. To date, the tournament has pulled in over \$17,000, which has all been put towards the Didsbury Out of School Care Association (DOSCA)

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# Gayle Veno incumbent

MVP Staff

After three previous terms on council, Gayle Veno is running again, and

she says it's to ensure council keeps moving forward and so council has somebody with a lot of background and experience with all things council-related.

"Because of the fact that I was on with the previous councils, I know the background and how we came up with our decisions," said Veno, who has sat on council for three terms so far.

If elected, she would like to see council move ahead with Shantz Crossing and the new fire hall, and would also look forward to planning for a new library, which will likely happen in the next four years, she added.

She would also use her experience and background knowledge to bring new councillors up to speed, as there will be some learning for new councillors to do, and having someone with three terms' experience will be helpful in that process, she noted.

"I know a lot of candidates, especially new ones, have a bigger platform, but my whole idea behind running wa

that this stuff wouldn't stop and that we keep pushing forward to get it done," she said. She noted if the

library does indeed start moving ahead in the next four years, it will likely require a similar process to what the fire hall is currently undergoing, in that council will have to work between the county and other

stakeholders for much of the preliminary work, and said her experience will be beneficial in that regard as well.

said she will also push for council to have better communication with residents, and added she will voice the concerns of residents in council

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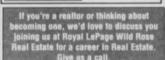
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# **RMAA hosting Dueling Pianos in November**

BY LUCAS PUNKARI GWN Staff

The Rocky Mountain Athletics Association (RMAA) will be holding fundraising events in Crossfield and Didsbury on November 29 and 30. The events will bring the Dueling Pianos act from Las Vegas to Rocky View and Mountain View counties.

"We thought that we would do something that is both fun and different," RMAA fundraising coordinator and Didsbury resident Garth Schindel said.

"Plus, an event like this will draw people from other areas who wouldn't normally come up to something like this."

Preparations for this event have been in the works since February, when the RMMA began to look into ideas for fundraising events.

"We got into contact with Greg Wing of Airdrie, who brings up this act from Vegas for events like ours." Schindel said

for events like ours," Schindel said.
"There's actually a lot of work into getting an event like this together, as you
have to get everything organized for it
besides just getting the act in."

"But we are looking forward to it, and I know that those from Dueling Pianos are as well, as they get to perform in front of a fresh audience," he added.

The funds raised at this event will be used to help keep costs down for the

Didsbury

RMAA, which is the governing body for peewee, bantam, and midget hockey for Crossfield, Carstairs, and Didsbury.

"Our goal is to raise enough money to keep minor hockey affordable for the average parent, as the costs are just skyrocketing and it's becoming too costly for them," Schindel said.

"If we don't have fundraising events like this, our registration costs will end up going beyond the reach of the average parent."

"We would like to raise \$20,000 from this event, but we are just hoping for the best." he added.

A Dueling Pianos performance will take place on Nov. 29 at the Crossfield

Community Centre at 6 p.m. On Nov. 30, a family show will be held at 2 p.m. at the Didsbury Arena, with an evening performance slated for 6 p.m. at the same location.

"Tickets for both of the evening shows are \$65 with a meal included, and the family show tickets cost \$10," Schindel said.

"We are also offering sponsorship packages for companies that wish to buy a whole table, as it can be something they can use for a Christmas party idea."

Those who are looking for more information about the event can contact Schindel at VegasChristmas@gmail.com



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# Letter to the editor

I took the following quote directly from the Town of Didsbury website, as I believe it is in direct opposition to where the arts festival was held this year: "The Town of Didsbury is a community rich in history. Take a walk through the streets of town and you will be delighted by the beautiful architecture...

If we as a town are trying to encourage a sense of community and get people to experience "small-town" lifestyle, why was the Arts Festival held at a location that

required shuttling and where parking was

We have the green space right here in town, across from Ross Ford Elementary School, or even behind the schools on 23rd Street. Why wasn't one of those locations used?

I wonder how many visitors the museum or library had the weekend this festival was held? I believe more people would have accessed them if the festival would have been located within the town, merely

out of ease of access.

The weather was fabulous the weekend this festival was held. There is plenty of room located within the town to have held this great event, even for the Stampede stage and all the booths. Why was this event outside the town?

As Didsbury continues to grow, as does the population of our seniors, ease of access makes sense!

> Renee McNeil, Didsbury

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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING: Tuesday, November 12 at 7:00 pm. MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION: Wednesday, November 13 at 4:30 pm.

Unless otherwise noted, all meetings are held in Council Chambers at the Town Office.

# NOTICE OF ELECTION DAY

#### Local Authorities Election Act (Sections 12, 35, 46, 53)

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# **Editorial**

# No place for "loaded dice" in Alberta

The fight over Alberta resource development - and in particular over the future of the province's oil-sands - has heated up once again with the release of

a landmark court ruling And while the various political players for and against oilsands development battle it out in the public forum, Albertans are once again stuck watching from the side lines and left hoping for the

As one of the most valuable resources owned by Albertans, the oilsands are naturally of great interest to residents, including those right here in West Central

Alberta. No question, with-out the money generated by oilsands development, Alberta would be a much poorer jurisdiction.

In his recent landmark ruling, Court of Queen's Bench Justice Richard Marceau said Alberta government bureaucrats were wrong in trying to stop the Oil Sands Environmental Coalition from voicing concerns over development.

Federal NDP leader Thomas Mulcair has taken a lead in slamming the Redford Tories over the ruling.

"It's a very damning analysis of what's been going on here (in Alberta)," Mulclair. "To have a judge come out so clearly and to say that there's an absolute breach of the fundamental rules of natural justice in the process simply reinforces the perception of a lot of Canadians in general - and a lot of Albertans in particular - that the dice have been loaded."

In response to Mulcair's comments, Environment and Sustainable Resource Development Minister Diana McQueen said the Redford government committed to public input when it comes to resource development.

"We have established the Alberta Energy Regulator and announced new regulations when it comes to expressing concerns about an application for devel-opment, which allows all Albertans who believe they are directly and adversely affected by an application the ability to provide a notice of concern to the regulator," said McQueen.

'Mr. Mulcair and his provincial cousins have made a habit of putting politics ahead of facts when talking about Alberta and the oilsands," she added.

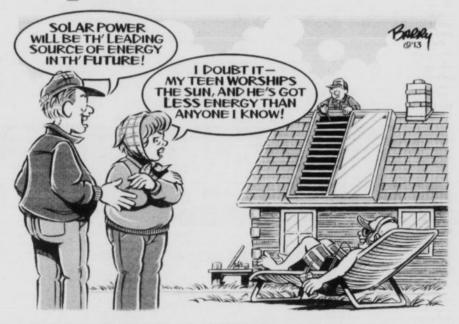
With his political stronghold in Quebec, Thomas Mulcair has little to lose by slamming the Alberta government at every opportunity, including over this latest court ruling. He is playing to his constitu-

ents, as all politicians always do.

At the same time, is it at all surprising that the Redford Tories have tried to turn this latest court ruling into an Alberta-against-the NDP battle?

Despite the political wrangling, Albertans expect the Redford government to continue vigorously defending the province's natural resources, including the oilsands.

At the same time, those same Albertans also insist that critics of the government and its policies be treated fairly and be given a chance to have their



# Commentary

# Justin Trudeau lacks his father's strength of character

BRIAN LEE CROWLEY

Born in the Baby Boom, I came of age in the Trudeau era - that's Pierre, not Justin.

I was thinking about the difference between the two recently as I contemplated Justin's reluctance to be drawn out on his policy ideas. In what seemed to me an echo of Kim Campbell's "elections are no time to discuss policy, Trudeau the younger has said that these early days are no time for him to talk about his beliefs, but rather a time for him to consult and seek guidance from the party faithful and Canadians generally about what they want.

Trudeau père would, in my estimation, have scorned such an approach and the differences between the two tell us much about their respective styles of leadership and how the country might be run under Trudeau fils.

It cannot be said, of course, that Pierre never consulted, dodged an issue or laid the blame for the policies he pursued on others.

On the other hand, he only did so on issues he didn't feel strongly about. Since he didn't care, and was happy to be guided by others more knowledgeable than himself, on those issues he may well have sounded rather Justinesque.

But on key issues on which he felt strongly, he never held back On the contrary, he could be single-minded, authoritarian and downright steely in the pursuit of what he thought was good for

Nor did he wait to become prime minister to reveal those feelings. In his youth, he expressed the greatest contempt for the Duplessis regime and its approach to civil rights and labour unions. He helped to found a journal, Cité Libre, to excoriate the Quebec élites he believed had been instrumental in holding back Quebecers. What drew him to federal politics was largely a belief that being part of Canada brought out the best in Quebec, required its citizens to rise above petty nationalism and to embrace a larger, more generous political vocation.

When he was minister of justice under Lester Pearson, he savaged the narrow nationalism of Quebec premier Daniel Johnson to his face at a televised first ministers' con-

On a host of other decisive issues of the day during his prime minister-ship, whether the FLQ crisis, the Victoria Charter, price and wage controls, the National Energy Policy or patriation and the charter, there was not much doubt in the minds of Canadians where

Yes, he changed his mind on things, like price and wage controls, and so it is fair to say that you knew where he stood today but not necessarily where he would stand on the same issue tomorrow

But that was one of those issues on which he didn't have strong feelings. Economics were not his strong suit, as Liberal economist Eric Kierans, western Canadians

and others discovered to their horror and disillusionment.

On the things that really mattered to him, though, Trudeau senior was acknowledged to be obdurate, emotional and opinionated. He needed no consultations to know where he stood.

And many Canadians loved him

Why? Because strong feelings on ssues reveal something about the character of the person who has them. We learn something important about who they are, what matters to them, what they'll make personal sacrifices to achieve.

Watching Pierre was a master class in the art of political leader-ship. It is irrelevant whether you think he took the country in a positive or a negative direction. What matters is how he led and why we followed.

What I learned from watching Pierre was that people didn't need to agree with him to want to follow him. Frequently people voted for him in spite of their policy convictions because he had a compelling vision.

What do we know so far about Justin's deep feelings as revealed in the policies he is willing to risk all on? Mostly that he won't know what they are until he hears from people what they want. And that the state has no place in the dope rooms of the nation.

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#### Deer strikes

Police have seen an increase in the number of reported deer strikes recently, and are advising residents to be extra vigilant during the early morning and evening hours. Sgt. Jeff Jacobson said

there are a few factors affecting deer movement, but noted hunting can play a factor.

"During the early morn-ing hours it is darker, so more likely people will come across ani-mals and not see them until the last minute," Jacobson added.

does somebody strike a deer and their vehicle is still drivable, he said they should still report it, but if it is not drivable, the police can help remove the vehicle from the road.

### Wallet theft

A wallet was stolen out of an unlocked vehicle that was parked over-night on Vala Rosa Drive last week, say police.

Jacobson noted the wallet has not yet been recovered.

"It may turn up yet, but certainly if anybody had witnessed anything suspicious, we'd be interested in hearing what they saw," said Jacobson.

# **Evening theft**

41-year-old male from Airdrie is facing a charge of theft following at Irvine's Tack and Trailer, a shop located in the southeast side of Mountain View County, said Jacobson.

"Ultimately male entered the business (during the evening) and left with over \$1,000 worth of horse coats, wallets, boots and other clothing," he said.

owner noticed that the man had walked out with the items, and consequently followed the thief down the highway in a vehicle, he said.

Jacobson said the thief realized that the owner was following him and pulled over, cooperating until police arrived.

All the property was recovered intact.

# Almost burgled

Sometime over the last couple of weeks,

# Police briefs

between Sept. 16 and the end of the month, the locks were cut off a shipping container that was being used for storage in the parking lot of the Zion Evangelical Missionary Church.

It appears nothing was stolen, but Jacobson noted there was certainly somebody looking for valuables

## Equipment stolen

A Caterpillar hoe-pack attachment for an excavator was stolen from Shantz Crossing development, along with an adapter plate and a Wacker plate tamper between the night of Sept. 23 and the following morning, said Jacobson.

The construction equipment is estimated to be worth \$25,000, and he added that if anybody saw anything suspicious in that area on that night, police would like to hear from them.

## Drinking and riding

A 39-year-old man from Sundre is facing drinking and driving charges after

crashing his motorcycle and sustaining non-lifethreatening injuries to his leg last week, accord-ing to Cpl. Clint Gulash.

The man was driv-ing on Highway 22 near Westcott Road on Oct 6. Following a police investigation, during which the man was asked to submit to a breathalyzer test, the man blew over twice the legal limit.

Jacobson noted it was very fortunate for the man that his injuries were not life- threaten-

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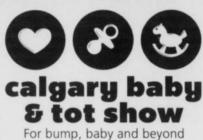


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# Central Albertan recovers from hantavirus

# Tyler Nicolay expressed concerns about hantavirus after being released from Foothills Medical Centre after six weeks

BREANNE MASSEY

Waking up to the realities of the 9-11 terrorist attack at the World Trade Center in New York on Sept. 11 is a fact many Americans will never forget, just like Tyler Nicolay will never forget waking up from a medically induced coma on that date this year.

18-year-old Innisfail teen came home from Calgary's Foothills Medical Centre after being on life supfor about Tyler initially complained about the flu and was airlifted by STARS Air Ambulance after he had arrived at emergency coughing up

blood around 2:30 p.m. on Aug. 13

"I missed the helicop-ter ride," he said with a chuckle last Tuesday afternoon, noting he was unconscious during the airlift.

Last week Tyler spoke to the media for the first time since he became ill with hantavirus last August. He returned home for the first time after a six-week hospitalization on Sept. 22.

"I've been home two weeks on Sunday," he said at his house on Tuesday. "So, 16 days. I was so happy. I hated the hospital bed."

Tyler was diagnosed with hantavirus, a rare life-threatening discaused from having contact with urine, droppings or saliva from infected rodents, after 10 days of running tests.

"I don't remember any-thing," he said. "I remembeing in Innisfail, and that's it."

According to Health Canada the earliest documented case of hantavirus in Canada was contracted in Alberta in 1989. Since then, there have been more than 70 confirmed cases, with the most recent findings occurring in Alberta, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and British Columbia.

However, the last case reported before Nicolay was reported in Alberta

"The survival rate is not very good," said his

mom Jamie. "Thirtysix to 50 per cent don't make it and just because it was confirmed he actually had the hantavirus, his lung biopsy was sent to Atlanta because they don't have any tissue samples from a living hantavirus victim. They're usually all done

by autopsies. Tyler's eyes widened from across the kitchen table while he listened to his mother's memories about what happened to

"I'm the only biopsy," he said. "By next year, I'll probably end up forgetting this happened."

'I don't think so," Jamie replied with a nervous laugh. "Well," he said paus-

ing. "I still have big scars on my side."

But the realities of Tyler's battle to survive are seared into his familv's minds forever.

"For the first 10 days, they (doctors) didn't have a clue what was going on," said Jamie. "I was scared."

His mother added the entire Nicolay family was horrified about her son's near-death experience, but she admitted the news of Tyler's test results was ultimately a relief.

was the first one at the hospital, but he doesn't remember me being there at all so he thought I just ditched him," said his sister Taylar. "But I was actually there. I pulled a lot of strings to get there between work and training, and work and train-

Jamie explained doctors had run more tests than she could count, including cleaning his blood four times as well as lung and kidney biop-

"When we found out that it was hantavirus, we were relieved that it was hantavirus, that it wasn't the vasculitis because it wasn't going to be a lifetime of treat ments and stuff," said

In addition, Jamie said her son Tyler's small vessels in his lungs inflamed and bled, which is why he was put into a medically induced coma for treatments. She added it's "rare" to see bleeding from hantavirus

"He's come a long ways since he came home," she said. "He couldn't even go up and down stairs at first, but now he can do that. He can shower and his appetite is back, so he's definitely trying to gain back some of that weight — We just don't want to ever go through it again.

Last June Tyler grad-uated from Innisfail uated from Innisfail Junior/Senior High, focusing his efforts on his RAP (registered apprentice program) in the welding trade. Before his illness he had been working at Pidherney's Trucking Ltd. out of Rocky Mountain House.

"They told us that it could take up to a complete year to get (Tyler's) strength back, but once he's able to do stuff, he can do it," said Jamie. "He's anxious to get driv-

ing again."
But Tyler needs the doctor's approval to

drive first. "We're thinking probably two or three more weeks until he's a bit stronger," she said. "He can still go out and do stuff, but it's affecting his work because he's a construction worker so working with heavy equipment is probably not that safe."

Two at the most," he added with a grin.



Kerry McClelland, at Hammer Stock Farms

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# LaVar Adams - incumbent

BY KEVIN VINK MVP Staff

LaVar Adams is running for a second term on council, and says he wants to get back to the table to ensure the town continues to grow for-

"I think that we've got to be thinking of tomorrow, not just for today, in the decisions govern ing our community," said Adams.

He wants to continue to bring ideas to council and be open minded to all input from residents

and fellow council memand work towards establishing better communication between council and residents

He noted that transparency is also a two-way window, whereas the public can look into governmental processes, but he also thinks that the governing parties should be able to look back through that window to see what the public can do for it.

"In other words, is our volunteerism down or is up? Are people unteering for the differ-ent service agencies and committees in town that make our community vibrant? What are they doing to help promote and prosper Didsbury?" he asked.

Fiscal responsibility is another aspect of his platform: ensuring the town adheres to its budget, and stows away money into both committed reserves and non-

committed reserves. He would also to see a continued pri-ority on infrastructure improvement, underground and above ground.

"And continue working to bring new business to Didsbury. I think it's wonderful that companies such as Tim Hortons are coming to Didsbury.

LaVar Adams

People have been talking about it for years and wanting it for years and finally it's happening."

He said new busi-nesses will benefit the town in two ways: first because they bring in new tax revenue, but greater than that, those kinds of companies generally employ youth or single residents.

He said residents as well as council need to promote Didsbury and talk positively about it to whoever asks, because that will encourage real growth.

"We have great people in town that work hard and I know they want Didsbury to grow just as I do. We have great schools, award-winning school bands, champi-onship swimmers...and yet we have working and retired people," he said. "I want to see con-

tinued progress and continued growth.

Maybe not really rapid growth, but I want to see a steady increase, steady growth.

Adams has 34 years of policing experience, both with the Calgary Police Service and as special constable in Sundre for nine years.

"So I've seen people from all sides of the spectrum, and I think council is a people per-

son position You've got to be able to meet people and converse with them,

he said. "They might not accept your ideas but ideas you've got to be able to listen to them so the dialogue takes place

# Michel arocque

BY KEVIN VINK MVP Staff

Michel Larocque is running for council because he would like to "give a nudge to the direction of our long-term develop-ments from industrial to staying strictly light com-mercial," he said.

He also wants council to keep in mind that there is going to be a massive influx of retiring baby boomers over the next 20 years, and that if done right, the town would benefit from attracting those kinds of residents to town.

Because they are the largest segment of the market, they will play an integral role in the market as they move into retirement, he added.

Many of the boomers, he said, will be wanting to get out of the hustle and bustle of big-city life and retire to smaller towns. because they want to live the picturesque life of walking down the street to go to the coffee shop every day, and having a peaceful retirement.

If the town can focus on providing services that the boomers want, it can benefit immensely from having a retired population that wants to get involved with the community that it moves into, he added.

Having retirees in town will not only benefit the economy by supporting businesses and attracting services they will use, he said, noting the youth in town will also benefit from the cross-generational contact.

He said that the money borrowed to develop Shantz Crossing could have been better spent on improving the infrastruc-ture in town, because that would tell potential residents that the town's number 1 priority is to ensure that the infrastructure will always be in good condition, despite the cost.

"There's a lot of busi-nesses that are going to stem from them being here, and they're going to be able to share in our community. They want to spend their dollar in a community they believe in," he added. Larocque's

experience spans a wide range from aeronautical and mechanical engineering to being a real estate agent, broker and developer, a property manager, and a general contractor.



Michel Larocque

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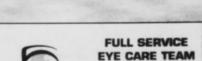


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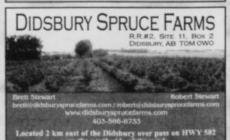
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